

## Chapter 4-9 Persecuted Church

### I. Some persecuting the faith

- The Priest, Captain of the Temple and the Sadducees v.1
- The Rulers, Elders and Scribes v.5
- Annas the High Priest, Caiaphas, John and Alexander v.6

### They were the Challengers –The Holy Ghost is the Defender

4:2 “being grieved”

4:7 By what power or by what name have ye done this?

Ac 4:8 Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Ghost**, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel

- John 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
- Mt 10:17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;
- Mt 23:34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

2Tim. 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution

### I. Some Persecuted for the faith

- a. Preached through Jesus the Resurrection from the dead. 4:2
- b. Preached through Jesus Christ, the cripple man was made whole. 4:8-10
- c. Preached Jesus Christ, the stone that the builders rejected become the Head of the Corner. 4:11
- d. Preached Salvation only through Jesus Christ. 4:12
- e. Preached Jer. 32:17 4:24
- f. Preached Psalms 2:1-2 4:25-26
- g. Preached, prayed and spoke the Word of God with Boldness

Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all **boldness they may speak thy word**,  
 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.  
 4:33 And with **great power** gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and **great grace** was upon them all.

11	h.	Preached against deception	5:1-
16	i.	Preached against sickness and unclean spirits	5:12-
	j.	Preached the Words of life	5:20
	k.	Taught early in the morning in the Temple.	5:21
guards	l.	Preached the Gospel in the temple while the prison	
22-23, 25		guarded the doors of empty prison cells.	5:19,
	m.	Suffered persecution before the council.	5:1-41
Temple	n.	Daily, Preaching and Teaching Jesus Christ in the	
		and in every house.	5:42
	o.	The preaching and persecution of Stephen	6:1-7:60
	p.	The preaching of Philip	8:1-40
	q.	Herod vexed certain of the Church	12:1-23

## II. Some that persecuted now Preach

Acts 4:4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.  
 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and **they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus**.  
 4:16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a **notable** miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and **we cannot deny it**.  
 32 And the multitude of them that believed were of **one heart and of one soul**: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

Mt 26:74 Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.

75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

Mr 14:71 But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom ye speak.

2Pe 1:12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

### **Saul the Persecutor became Paul the Persecuted**

Acts 9:1-31

Acts 13:9 Saul (who is also called Paul)

1Ti 1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

13 Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

- Gal. 1:23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed

Ac 9:1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

Ac 22:5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

26:10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.

11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.

- Ac 9:5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.
- 6 And he trembling and astonished said, **Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?** And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

**An instant decision turned into a lifetime dedication.**

Ac 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is **a chosen vessel** unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must **suffer** for my name's sake.

24 But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him. 25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.

## Chapter 10-11 Prejudice Overcome

### I. Instructions from God to humble the prejudiced. 10:1-43

Ac 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

- No respecter of Persons
- No respecter of Nations

### II. The Gift of the Holy Ghost was poured out on the Gentiles also.

Mt 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

- a. Peter was used of God in Jerusalem 2:1-5:42
- b. Peter was used of God in Samaria 8:14-25
- c. Peter was used of God of the Gentiles 10:44; 11:15

- Ac 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- Ac 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

- Ac 8:17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Ac 10:44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that **on the Gentiles also** was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Ac 11:15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

Ac 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

## Chapter 13:1-14:28 Missionary Journeys

Paul, Barnabas and John Mark are on their first Mission

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|----|--|----------|
| 1. | Antioch of Syria                               | 13:1-3   |
| 2. | Seleucia                                       | 13:4     |
| 3. | The Island of Cyprus                           | 13:4     |
| 4. | Salamis  | 13:5     |
| 5. | Through the Isle unto Paphos                   | 13:6-12  |
| 6. | Perga in Pamphylia                             | 13:13    |
|    | (John Mark departed and returned to Jerusalem) |          |
| 7. | Antioch in Pisidia                             | 13:14-50 |
|    | (Paul's first recorded Sermon)                 |          |

### **GALATIA**

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| 8.  | Iconium            | 13:51-14:5 |
| 9.  | Lystra             |            |
| 10. | Derbe              |            |
| 11. | Cities of Lycaonia | 14:6-7     |
| 12. | Lystra             | 14:8-19    |
| 13. | Derbe              | 14:20      |
| 14. | Lystra             |            |
| 15. | Iconium            |            |
| 16. | Antioch            | 14:21-23   |
| 17. | Pisidia            |            |
| 18. | Pamphylia.         | 14:24      |
| 19. | Perga              |            |
| 20. | Attalia            | 14:25      |

## Paul's Second Missionary Journey

### Acts 15 – 18

1. Acts 15:36 “Paul said let us go again” “See how they do”

Paul and Barnabas determined to go but sharp contention arose between them.

Barnabas took John Mark to Cyprus with him.

Paul took Silas with him through Syria and Cilicia confirming the churches.

(Personal conflicts are harder to deal with than doctrinal differences.)

2. Came to Derbe and Lystra Acts 16:1

- Timothy joins Paul and Silas  
16:1
- Lystra is where Paul was stoned to death  
14:19
- Delivered the decrees  
16:14
- Churches established in the faith and increased in number daily 16:5

1. Phrygia Acts 16:6

4. Galatia Acts 16:6

- Forbidden to preach in Asia  
16:6

5. Mysia Acts 16:7

- Suffered not to go to Bithynia by the Holy Spirit

6. Troas
  - Paul is learning to follow the leading of the Spirit
  - A vision of the Macedonian call  
(A man saying "Come over and help us")  
16:9
7. Samothracia Acts 16:11
8. Neapolis Acts 16:11
9. Philippi Acts 16:12
  - Prayer meeting at the river side  
16:13
  - New convert is Lydia
  - Paul cast out a devil out of a woman  
16:18
  - Paul and Silas beaten and cast into prison  
16:23
  - Paul and Silas sing and praise at the midnight hour.  
16:25
  - Everyone's bands were loosed 16:26
  - The jailer was saved 16:27-37
  - Paul being a Roman asked them to come to him.  
16:37
  - Paul was asked to leave. 16:39
10. Amphipolis and Apollonia then to Thessalonica Acts 17:1
  - Three days reasoning out of the Scripture of the risen Christ.  
17:2,3
  - Some Jews believed and a great multitude of Greeks believed.  
17:4
  - Some Jews rejected the Gospel. 17:5
  - Sent Paul and Silas to Berea.  
17:13
11. Berea
  - Thessalonians Jews stirring up the people. 17:13
  - Timothy and Silas stay at Berea while they send Paul to Athens

- Berean students searched the Scriptures daily  
17:11

## 12. Athens

- Paul's spirit stirred because of the idolatry  
17:16
- The philosophers of the Epicureans brought Paul to Areopagus
- Like to hear new things
- Paul's sermon at Mars Hill 17:18-22
- "Certain believed" 17:34

## 13. Corinth Acts 18;1

- Meets Aquila and Priscilla (tent makers)  
18:2,3
- Paul taught in synagogue every Sabbath  
18:4
- Silas and Timothy came to Corinth  
18:5
- Some opposed  
18:6
- Some believed  
18:7,8
- A night vision 18:9
- One and a half years of teaching  
18:11

## 14. Ephesus Acts 18:18,19

- Left Priscilla and Aquila there 18:19
- Reasoning with Jews in the Synagogue  
18:19
- Bade them farewell 18:21

## 15. Jerusalem 18:21,22

- Landed at Caesarea and went to Jerusalem

## 16. Antioch 18:22

- Saluted the Church



- Reported the results as he did on his first missionary journey  
14:26-28

## Acts 18-21 Paul's Third Missionary Journey

18:23 And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples.

1.	Antioch of Syria	18:23
2.	All the Countries of Galatia and Phrygia	18:23-28
3.	Passed through the upper coast to Ephesus	19:1-20
4.	Macedonia and Achaia	19:21
5.	Asia	19:22
6.	Ephesus	19:23-41
7.	Macedonia	20:1-2
8.	Greece	20:2-3
9.	Syria through Macedonia	20:3
10.	Asia	20:4
11.	Tro'as	20:5-12
12.	As'sos	20:13
13.	Mit-y le'ne	20:14
14.	Chi'os	20:15
15.	Sa'mos	20:15
16.	Tro-gyl'li-um	20:15
17.	Mi-le'tus	20:15-16
18.	Eph'e-sus	20:17-38
19.	Coos	21:1
20.	Rhodes	21:1
21.	Patara	21:1
22.	Phenicia	21:2
23.	Cyprus	21:3
24.	Syria---Tyre	21:3-7
25.	Ptolemais	21:7
26.	Caesarea	21:8-15
27.	Jerusalem	21:15-23:30

### Highlights

- Acts 18:26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when unto him the way of God more perfectly.
- 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.
- 19:11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:
- 19:12-23; **17** And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and **the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.**
- 19:20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

### **Promise**

Acts 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is **a chosen vessel** unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

20:23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

22:21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

23:11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou **bear witness** also at Rome.

26:15-18

19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the **heavenly vision**:

### **Warning!!!**

16:6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were **forbidden of the Holy Ghost** to preach the word in Asia,

7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

21:11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

21:27-32 (Attempted murder)

21:33 (arrested) and bound

22:1-21 Paul spoke unto the whole crowd in Jerusalem

22:22-23 Paul's testimony was rejected

22:24-29 Prepared to scourge Paul but find out he was a Roman

22:30-23:10 Paul before the counsel at Jerusalem

23:10-30 Paul in the castle (of Antonia)

23:31-35 Paul at Antipatris kept at Herod's Judgment Hall

24:1-27 Paul before Governor Felix

25:1-12 Paul before Governor Porcius Festus

25:13-26:32 Paul before King Agrippa

27:1-28:31 Paul's voyage to Rome

20:24 But **none of these things move me**, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

26:29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and **altogether** such **as I am**, except these bonds

## The Life and Ministry of Jesus Continues

- I. "Through the Holy Ghost had given commandments" Acts 1:2

Acts 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

- II. "he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs" Ac 1:3

- A. The fact of the resurrection is based on reliable evidence
- B. Every true obedient believer receives His life more abundantly.

John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

2Cor. 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

2Tim. 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel

- C. : "Many infallible proofs"
  - a. The veil was rent Mat. 27:51
  - b. "The graves were opened"  
Mat.27:52
  - c. The Tomb was empty Lk.24:3
  - d. Angels testified, He is not here but He is risen  
Lk.24:6
  - e. The precaution of the Jews Mat.27:66
  - f. 40 days alive Acts  
1:3
  - g. Seen by two on the road to Emmaus  
Lk.24:13-32

- h. Seen by Mary Magdalene  
Jn.20:14-18
- i. Seen by ten disciples  
Jn.20:19-24
- j. Seen by Simon Peter, Cephas—I Cor. 15:5  
24:34  
Lk.
- k. Jesus appeared before the eleven disciples  
Lk.24:36
- l. “Behold my hands and My feet”  
Lk.24:39
- m. Seen by Disciples including Thomas  
Jn.20:26-29
- n. The Ascension  
Acts 1:9-11
- o. The change in the disciples shown in Acts  
Acts 2:14-47
- p. Seen by Paul as well  
I Cor. 15:2-8
- q. John saw Jesus in the Spirit  
Rev.1:10-18
- r. I’ve been to Calvary I can say I have seen the Lord

III. “speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God” Acts 1:3

IV. “wait for the promise of the Father”  
Acts 1:4

Acts 20:24 ...finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

## Exalt Jesus

Acts 1:1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?

**this same Jesus**, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

4:2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

10:36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

11:17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

13:17 The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an high arm brought he them out of it.

38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

13:23 Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.

15:11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.26 Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Faith—Acts 14:7-10**

- I. The Source of Faith—14:7 And there they preached **the gospel**.
- II. The Need for Faith
  - a. The man was crippled from birth

14:8—*And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:*

b. God requires faith

Acts 1:4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Ac 14:9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

15:9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

16:5 And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

24:24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

26:18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

III. The Action of Faith—

a. Paul did three things by faith

i. Paul preached the gospel by faith 14:7

ii. Paul perceived that the man had faith to be healed  
14:9

iii. Paul spoke by faith with a loud voice  
14:10

b. The crippled man did three things in faith

i. He heard the Word  
14:9

- ii. He believed the Word
- iii. He acted on the Word

14:9

14:10